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# ONE BANKER AND EASTERN SHACKER

## Only Arrivals at This Port Except the Pollock Seiners.

One fresh halibuter and an Eastern shacker, with a few of the pollock seining fleet, tells the whole story in the fish line here this morning. Quite a number of the mackerel seiners are now fitting out and will get away in a few days. Otherwise things are pretty quiet about the wharves.

Sch. Preceptor, Capt. Fred Upshell, from Grand Bank, has a fine trip, 32,000 pounds of fresh halibut and a few thousand pounds of salt fish. As fish are a good price, he will make a nice stock.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, is in from the eastward with \$5,000 pounds of fresh fish and 4000 pounds of halibut. Part of the fare went to market and the rest to the splitters at George Perkins & Son.

The pollock seiners did not strike fish very heavy yesterday and five of them landed small fares at the Fort last evening, all the catch going to market.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Romance, shacking, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish, 4000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Preceptor, Grand Bank, 32,000 lbs. halibut, 1000 lbs. flitched halibut, 6000 lbs. salt cod.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 8500 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 1500 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Joppaite, shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Mystery, shore, 3500 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston.

Sch. Thalia, via Boston.

Sch. Margie Smith, pollock seining.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, via Boston.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, pollock seining.

Sch. Mary Emerson, shore.

Sch. Little Fannie, via Boston.

Sch. Mineola, shore.

Steamer Philomena, pollock seining.

Sch. William H. Rider, Georges drifting, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Shenandoah, south seining.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Georges handling.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, drifting.

Sch. Ramona, halibut flitching.

### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 7 3-4 cts. for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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## NETTERS TAKING SOME FISH.

Full Barrel Received at Boston from Hyannis.

The first full barrel of mackerel came to Boston yesterday morning from Hyannis to R. M. Kelley. The fish were bloaters, and averaged four pounds each. There were also a few mackerel among the fish received from other places on the Cape.

The Little Fred, a Newport, R. I., netter, landed 160 mackerel at Atlantic City, and the netters about Chincoteague sent \$959 mackerel in count to New York yesterday.

### Irish Mackerel Begin Fishery.

The New York Fishing Gazette correspondent in Ireland, writing under date of April 14, says:

"Spring and summer mackerel fishing has practically commenced on this coast, although very many boats will not be ready for another week. The catches at Kinsale, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week were from 100 down; price 10s to 15s per 120. At Cleggan, Roundstone and Arran Islands, on the west coast, no trial has been made, and as the weather has become rough it is probable no boat will fish for a few nights yet.

"A deputation of Irish fish curers will go to Washington to present arguments for the removal of the duty on mackerel. It would certainly be a boon to Irish fishermen, and should work no injustice to the Americans."

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## PORTLAND FISH NOTES.

### Crew of Sch. Rising Billow Had Hard Work Keeping Craft Afloat.

It is now unlawful to sell or to offer for sale any smelts in Maine, no matter how they may be caught. The law went into effect Sunday and will be in force for the rest of the summer.

The sch. Topsail Girl was taking on stores Monday preparatory to another fishing trip to LaHave bank.

One of the largest cod ever seen in Portland is now on the ice in the McDonald fish market. When put on the scales it was found to weigh 90 pounds.

Quite a little excitement was created in the harbor Monday afternoon when the fishing schooner Rising Billow came alongside the marine railway with her deck nearly even with the water, and the men working vigorously at the pumps in order to keep her afloat. She will be hauled out on the marine railway to repair, her stern bearing being in bad shape.

She is not a square rigger but she is just as much a reminder of the past as if she carried cross yards. No this is not the venerable Polly, but the pinky Maine which is now lying at Portland pier discharging a cargo of old iron for W. E. Carter. The Maine represents a type of vessel that was once familiar along the Maine coast. She is really a small two-masted schooner, but because of her high pointed stern, she is called a pinky. The odd looking craft is in command of Capt. Stuart and was built in 1845. She came here from Brooklyn, Me., and will return there when her cargo is discharged.

Fishing steamer Quoddy, which was brought here last week from Portsmouth, N. H., in a disabled condition, was taken to the Portland Company's wharf, Monday for repairs.

Monday's arrivals: Steamers Robert and Edwin, with 4000 lbs. fish; Carrie and Mildred, 3000; Fanny Reed, with 5000 lbs. fish; Albert D. Willard, 12,000; sloop Laconia, 3000.

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## Bait Still Scarce.

Scarcity of bait has impeded the market fishermen. They have had to wait for days at Provincetown before getting even a small part of what they wanted, and some of them have been obliged to take frozen bait in order to get away. The bait situation has not cleared up yet, and rather than take frozen bait or wait at Provincetown for the uncertain fresh herring, some of the captains have paid a high price for alewives for bait.

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## Missing Sealer Spoken.

The sealing steamer Aurora, with a crew of 187 men, which had been reported missing was sighted Sunday by the steamer Diana, which arrived at Herring Neck Monday. The Diana also sighted the steamer Range. Both vessels were homeward bound.

### Sch. Robert and Arthur Overhauled.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, Capt. Julius Anderson, which was hauled off two weeks ago for overhauling and repainting, sailed yesterday morning on her first summer fishing cruise. The vessel looked like a new yacht as she sailed down the harbor.

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# MACKEREL FLEET STILL LOOKING.

## Seiners Taking No Fish and Netters Doing Poorly.

The mackerel fares which it was hoped would come in the wake of the Sunday trip of sch. Mary E. Harty, have as yet failed to materialize. Evidently the weather has been bad or the fleet is not on the fish. The moon is right now for good long hours of "owling" and some results should soon be showing if there is to be anything at all to this spring's south seining season.

The netters are not doing much either. What trips have been landed have been small, although these crafts have started in a little bit earlier than last season. It seems to be the general opinion that the spell of bad weather which appears to be settled over this part of the country has also embraced the southern mackerel fishing grounds in its scope.

### New York Dealers Raise Prices.

New York dealers stopped their Boston agents from selling mackerel early Monday, and then raised the price, and again yesterday morning made a new price higher than the second price Monday. It is this uncertainty as to price that displeases the Boston dealers and makes them anxious to have mackerel taken near enough to be landed at Newport where Boston controls the market.

Boston got yesterday morning about 40 barrels of the mackerel landed at New York Monday morning, and would have taken more had not the price been raised. Yesterday morning New York advised that mackerel were short, and new advices were that 75 barrels of mackerel had come to New York from the netters at Chincoteague, Va.

### News from the Netters.

The netters at Edgartown got from 15 to 40 mackerel to a boat at that place Sunday.

The netter Mabel Bryson reported at Fulton market Monday with 3000 fresh mackerel, had 300 fish instead.

The netting sch. Crustacean is the sole mackerel arrival at New York today. The craft has 200 large fish in count.

The steamer Seven Brothers of the Atlantic trapping company fleet arrived at Newport yesterday afternoon after hauling nets off Coggeshall's ledge, landing 15 mackerel which averaged four pounds each.

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## FISHERMAN CAUGHT PORPOISE.

### Fish Attracted General Attention in Portland Fish Market.

A porpoise is on exhibition in the window of J. H. McDonald at the head of Commercial wharf, Portland. Porpoises do not very often find their way into northern stores, but they are frequent enough sights in the South. This particular fish was captured by William Miller of Small Point while out netting Sunday off Bald Head, near his home. He brought his fare to Portland and Mr. McDonald secured the odd fish of the sea. The porpoise is about five feet long and weighs 125 pounds. He is wonderfully smooth on his back and sides, has powerful fins and a broad tail. As many know, the submarine boats are modelled after the lines of a porpoise and as they are fish of great speed it can be seen why they were taken as the model for the under-water fighters.

Probably not one man in a hundred would know a porpoise if he saw one at least in this part of the country. Not long ago, one was displayed in Hamilton's fish market at Woodfords. Nobody who entered the place was able to name it and the proprietors themselves were not sure of the identity of the marine inhabitant. Finally a retired sea captain who had seen many porpoises in his time, entered the market. "Where did you get the porpoise?" was the first thing he said. "Well, I'm glad to find someone who knows what that fish is," replied the proprietor with a smile.

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## Spoken on Georges.

Capt. John G. Stream of sch. Juno reports speaking schs. Dictator, Fish Hawk and W. H. Moody on Georges banks.

# PRICES KEEP UP AT T WHARF.

## Fresh Fish Still Selling at Winter Figures.

It is remarkable how the market keeps up on fresh fish at T wharf. Here it is early in May and today the prices paid would be considered high even for mid-winter. There are 17 vessels at the wharf this morning, all market boats, and the dealers are as hungry for fish as they would be in January. Trade must be good, else the big prices could not be forthcoming.

All the crafts in have fine fares considering their line of fishing and all the fish in sight will be snapped up in no time. The feature fare is that of the pollock sinner Thomas J. Carroll, Capt. Charles Forbes, which haul for 60,000 pounds of these "Boston bay blues." It is reported that Capt. Forbes got his haul on the Rips, a favorite spot for these fish in the spring. None of the fleet have been there as yet, outside possibly of the Carroll, but Capt. Forbes is one of the leaders at this line of fishing and the chances are he thought it was about time for the fish to be there and went, the result backing up his judgment.

From down east sch. Genesta, Capt. Lawrence Budrot, brings 57,000 pounds of fresh fish, 50,000 pounds of which are hake, and as these are wanted at a good figure, he is in for a fine stock.

Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, Capt. George Perry, with 43,000 pounds of fish, has 24,000 pounds of hake in her catch and also a good bit of cod and will make a fine slice of money.

The Provincetowners Harmony and Matchless are on deck with 20,000 pounds each of fine market fish and all the other trips, with few exceptions, range up pretty well.

As to prices, haddock is going at from \$4.50 to \$4.75, with large cod at \$5 and \$5.50, hake from \$1.50 to \$2.25 and pollock at \$2, which means big money for about every fare there.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, with her 60,000 pounds of pollock is certainly in for a fine stock.

The Provincetown fishing schooner Mary C. Santos, Capt. Manuel Santos, was at T wharf yesterday for the first time since she met with the accident that sent her to this port for repairs. Capt. Santos has not yet been able to ascertain the name of the sailing vessel that ran into him. The accident laid up the craft while fish were running well, and may endanger her chance to the title of high-liner of the Provincetown fleet, which she has held for five years.

The receipts and prices this morning in detail are:

### Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Matchless, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod.  
Sch. Emily Sears, 500 haddock, 8000 cod.  
Sch. Emerald, 2000 haddock, 700 cod.  
Sch. Rose Cabral, 10,000 haddock, 4,000 cod.  
Sch. Harmony, 10,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.  
Sch. Nettle, 700 haddock, 800 cusk.  
Sch. Dixie, 2000 haddock, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 3000 haddock, 100 cod.  
Steamer Mystery, 12,000 pollock.  
Steamer Pet, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Genesta, 2000 cod, 50,000 hake, 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 60,000 pollock.  
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 15,000 cod.  
Sch. Gertrude, 9000 haddock, 8000 cod.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 2000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 24,000 hake, 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 6000 haddock, 6000 cod, 2000 hake, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 20,000 cod.  
Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod.  
Haddock, \$4.50 to \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake \$1.50 to \$2.25; cusk, \$1.50; pollock, \$2.

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### Will Fit Sch. Philip Manta.

Capt. Manuel Costa, who retired from fishing last fall, could not withstand the call of the water, and Monday left his home in East Boston for Provincetown, where he will fit out sch. Philip Manta, and add her to the market fleet. Capt. Costa is one of the oldest in years in service among the captains of the Provincetown fleet.

# SALT HERRING CARGO ARRIVES.

## Halibut, Cod and Pollock Fares Also in Port.

The fresh halibuters continue to come along. Sch. Juno, Capt. John G. Stream, came in during the night from Georges, having been out but 18 days, with a nice catch, 15,000 pounds of halibut, 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 10,000 pounds of fresh cod.

An arrival of note is sch. James A. Garfield, Capt. James Barry from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full cargo of barreled salt herring. She has been frozen in at that famous herring place since the ice embargo came down.

Yesterday noon sch. William H. Rider from Georges drifting with a nice fare, 40,000 pounds of salt cod. Capt. Alfred Goodwin, who is commanding the craft, has made his first trip as master and has started in well. Sch. Olympia, Capt. Edward Nickerson, arrived this morning from the same line of fishing with a fare of 40,000 pounds.

The pollockers did not strike them very heavy yesterday, four of them landing fares of from 2000 to 6500 pounds each, at the Port. The small boats had a good day yesterday, bringing in fine fares, so that the Port was a miniature T wharf yesterday afternoon.

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Sch. James A. Garfield, Bay of Islands, N. F., 700 barrels salt herring.  
Sch. Olympia, Georges drifting, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Juno, Georges, halibuting, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Louise R. Sylva, Provincetown.  
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore, 6500 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Joppaite, shore, 3500 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Bessie A., shore, 2000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Elthier, shore, 5500 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Rose Standish, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Motor, shore.

### Vessels Sailed

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, south seining.

Sch. Volant, Georges, drifting.

Sch. Eglantine, Georges, drifting.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, shacking.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

### Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut 91-4 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

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### Heavy Sealing Catch.

With the last of the Newfoundland sealing fleet safe in port at St. John's the year's total catch of seals amounts to 320,000. This is an unusually large catch. The steamer Aurora which was reported as missing, arrived Monday night with a catch of 11,000 seals. The Aurora had been cruising along the coast of northern Labrador, and for that reason was not reported by other vessels.

### Herring Plenty at Monomoy.

Herring are now reported plenty at Monomoy. The traps there had 200 barrels yesterday.

### The Salt Fish Market.

The Fishing Gazette says of the salt fish market:

"Save for mackerel, for which there has lately been a little better demand, the salt fish trade is slow. Herring in particular are in light request, the Jewish holidays, of course, affecting this line. The Irish spring mackerel fishing has been very poor. According to a New York dealer in these goods, the opening price here will be \$10 to \$11 a barrel. It is a little early for definite news from the Norway fishery."

"Reports from the Southern mackerel fishing indicate that there will be little or no fish salted this season."

"On the Pacific coast a more plentiful supply of halibut has resulted in easier prices."

"Shipments to Porto Rico last week were nearly a thousand tierces. It is reported that there are one or two vessels loading in Nova Scotia for the island. Considering these heavy deliveries, the demand continues fairly good; but it is said no one need be surprised if in the course of 10 days or two weeks an overstocked market and declining prices are again reported."

"Demand in general is fair for this season of the year. Old pollock, haddock and hake are well cleaned up, and first deliveries of new stock will find a good market."

### Bait at East Dennis.

Z. H. Baker of East Dennis advises that the traps at Bass Harbor breakwater are now taking 100 barrels of squid daily.

### Fresh Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Juno was sold to the American Halibut Company at 91-4 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Mystery sailed from Canso, N. S., Saturday.

Sch. Moonan was at Liverpool, N. S., Saturday and cleared.

Sch. Agnes baited at Edgartown and sailed halibuting Monday.

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### Kennebec Shad Fisheries Opened.

The shad fisheries on the Kennebec river appear to have opened early, and yesterday morning about 25 barrels of fine shad came up to Boston from places on the river by train. A much larger number is expected by the boat today.

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## NEWFOUNDLAND NEWS.

The first whale for the season falls to the Cabot, Captain Bull, which killed a big sulphur bottom, reported to be 105 feet in length, off Point Verde Bank a few mornings ago.

The winter fishery on the West Coast is now over, and all the vessels and boats that were at Rose Blanch have gone home, only the local boats now remaining. These report the fish

struck in again, and as plentiful as at any time during the winter, good catches being made daily.

A few days ago a man belonging to

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### New Lunenburg Schooner Total Loss.

The splendid new schooner J. B. Young of Lunenburg, N. S., recently ashore at South Point, Magdalen Islands, is now reported a total loss. Advices received Tuesday state that the vessel's hull is buried in the sand and orders have been given to strip the gear from the schooner. The tug Douglas Thomas has given up its efforts to pull the schooner off and returned to North Sydney. Sch. J. B. Young was valued at \$13,000, and was one of the finest schooners that ever sailed out of Lunenburg. She was launched last fall and this was her first trip to the fishing grounds. She was insured for \$3200 in each of the Lunenburg companies, and \$1000 on her outfit in the Marine Insurance Company at LaHave.

### Largest Scup Catch of Season.

Newport fishermen were made happy last night by the arrival of fishing steamer Enterprise, William E. Brightman owner, of Newport, who landed three barrels of scup, the largest catch of the season. During the afternoon 603 pounds of scup was landed by the steamers Hattie and George Hudson, most of which went to New York.